

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5913
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RECOMMENDATIONS OF R.C.P.A.C. .
RAJ NARAIN PASSI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railway Catering and Passenger Amenities Committee, constituted by the Government has recommended that catering services at the stations, to run on no profit no loss basis in view of the passenger facilities;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have recently changed this age old policy; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRIDIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. The catering arrangements on Indian Railways have been reviewed from time to time. In 1953, a committee headed by Shri O.V. Alagesan, the then Dy. Minister for Railways, had endorsed the principle that the departmental catering should be run on "no profit- no loss" basis. However, subsequently in 1967 Railway Catering and Passenger Amenities Committee headed by Shri Parimal Ghosh, the then Minister of State for Railways, had modified the above principle so as to provide for a small profit which should be ploughed back into the service.